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PASS TO: MRS. NORMA TROUTMAN  
62 JACKSON STREET  
WELLSBORO, PENNSYLVANIA

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: CDES CO  
SUBJ: DEATH OF U.S. CITIZEN (THOMAS COLE)

1. IT IS WITH REGRET THAT I MUST INFORM YOU OF THE DEATH OF YOUR BROTHER, THOMAS COLE. YOUR PARENTS HAVE RECEIVED A SIMILAR TELEGRAM BUT HAVE FAILED TO RESPOND WITH INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING BURIAL. THE POLICE NOTIFIED THE EMBASSY OF YOUR BROTHER DEATH ON DECEMBER 13, 1976 BY GUNSHOT WOUNDS IN BOGOTA.

2. I MUST DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE NEED TO MAKE URGENT ARRANGEMENTS. COLOMBIAN LAW REQUIRES LOCAL BURIAL OR THAT ARRANGEMENTS BE MADE FOR SHIPMENT TO THE UNITED STATES. WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WHETHER OR NOT YOU WISH TO HAVE YOUR BROTHER'S REMAINS RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES. IF SO, PREPARATION AND AIR SHIPMENT OF REMAINS WOULD COST APPROXIMATELY \$1,500. IF LOCAL BURIAL IS DESIRED, THE APPROXIMATE COST IS \$500. CREMATION IS NOT AVAILABLE.

3. AFTER YOU HAVE MADE YOUR DECISION, PLEASE TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:  
A. TELEGRAPH INSTRUCTIONS PROMPTLY AND DIRECTLY TO AMERICAN  
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EMBASSY, BOGOTA, COLOMBIA AND INCLUDE THE NAME OF THE DECEASED IN YOUR MESSAGE. STATE WHETHER REQUIRED FUNDS ARE BEING TELEGRAPHED AND BY WHAT MEANS. INCLUDE NAME AND ADDRESS OF U.S. FUNERAL HOME YOU SELECT IF SHIPMENT DESIRED.

B. TELEGRAPH REQUIRED FUNDS SEPARATELY AND PROMPTLY THROUGH OFFICE OF SPECIAL CONSULAR SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF STATE,

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20520. INCLUDE IN MESSAGE NAME OF DECEASED AND NAME AND ADDRESS OF FUNERAL HOME IN U.S. IF SHIPMENT DESIRED. TELEGRAPHIC MONEY ORDER SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

4. UPON RECEIPT OF THE REQUIRED FUNDS YOUR INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE CARRIED OUT AS PROMPTLY AS CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT. WE ESTIMATE APPROXIMATELY TEN DAYS WILL BE REQUIRED IF REMAINS ARE TO BE SHIPPED. UPON COMPLETION OF ALL FORMALITIES, A FOREIGN SERVICE REPORT OF DEATH PREPARED BY THIS OFFICE WILL BE FORWARDED TO YOU.

5. IF NECESSARY, YOU MAY CONTACT THE CONSULAR SECTION OF THIS EMBASSY BY PHONING 32-91-00 OR 32-74-62 IN BOGOTA.

AMERICAN EMBASSY  
CONSULAR SECTION  
BOGOTA  
DREXLER

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